

Church News

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TENNESSEE.

Johnson City: The First Church has renewed its call to Rev. William Crowe, of Abingdon, Va.

Columbia: Rev. Dr. Alexander Sprunt, of Charleston, S. C., has declined the call lately extended to him by the First Church, Columbia.

Idlewild, Memphis: At the October communion, ten new members were received into the membership of the Idlewild Church, Rev. W. C. Alexander, pastor. The congregation expects to occupy its new house of worship in a few weeks.

Central Church, Knoxville: The communion of October 10 was large and inspiring. The pastor, Rev. LaRoy G. Henderson, announced twelve new members enrolled since the last communion. The congregations are steadily on the increase.

Memphis: Gypsy Smith, the noted English evangelist, has been secured to lead a revival in Memphis, in which all the Protestant churches will participate. Announcement to this effect were made last week, but the date has not yet been arranged.

TEXAS.

Groveton: The Groveton field, in Eastern Texas Presbytery, has secured the services of Rev. H. C. Arthur, of New Orleans Presbytery, who entered upon his work on last Sunday.

Paris Presbytery: The Woman's Missionary Union of Paris Presbytery will meet in Tyler, Texas, November 11 and 12. All missionary societies in the Presbytery will send the names of their delegates to Mrs. J. W. Smiley, 503 Bonner avenue, Tyler. All churches which have no missionary society are invited and urged to send a delegate from the Aid Society or church. There will be a splendid program and no church should fail to send at least one representative.

Waskom: Rev. Jno. A. Williams, evangelist of Paris Presbytery, preached at Waskom three days, closing on October 3. On that day two joined the church, the Lord's supper was celebrated and the congregation elected Messrs. A. J. Mitchell and Richard Lindsey ruling elders and Messrs. C. D. Gray and W. L. Rudd, deacons. All these except Mr. Lindsay were ordained and installed at the afternoon service. Mr. Franklin S. Henderson, of the Austin Seminary, served Waskom and three other churches during the summer, doing exceptionally good work. Sixteen joined the Waskom Church during his four months' stay there, which came to a close October 3.

Corley: Rev. Jno. A. Williams closed a week's meeting at this church October 10. Five joined the church upon profession of faith. The Lord's Supper was celebrated. Mr. Lewis Beddingfield was elected, ordained and installed ruling elder and Mr. L. C. Owings, deacon. A Sunday-school was organized last spring and

is doing good work under the superintendence of a godly Methodist brother, and now a weekly prayer meeting has been started. Mr. R. L. Owen, a student for the ministry, is doing good work at Corley and at his other appointments.

The Church at Navasota has about two hundred and fifty members, though the Assembly's minutes show more than that number. Many of them have moved away, with whereabouts unknown. But the church seems to be in fine working condition. What strikes the visitor with unusual force is the large number of adults, especially men, in the Sunday-school. A large Bible class, containing twelve to fifteen men is taught by one of the elders and is indicative of a fine spiritual work in the church. The pastor disclaims the credit of it, and says it is the work of the good people in the church. Then again, a Westminster League, containing thirty or forty young persons, young men and women, ranging from eighteen to twenty-five years of age, meet regularly before the sermon at night, and constitute a splendid training school for church work. The pastor, Rev. J. N. McFarlane, D. D., is to be congratulated on the condition of his church.

The First Presbyterian Church, of Texarkana, gave formal notification to Dr. W. Irving Carroll, associate pastor of the First Congregational Church, that he had been called to the pastorate of the Texarkana congregation. Dr. Carroll was in Texarkana two weeks ago and preached to the congregation two or three sermons. The congregation has been without a pastor since the resignation of Rev. G. M. Matthis, three months ago. Dr. Carroll would not say what his decision with reference to the call would be.—Dallas News.

Austin Seminary: Dr. Patton's Lectures. The eighth annual session of this youngest of the seminaries was successfully opened on October 6, with the largest attendance on record. There are now twenty-one students on the ground, nineteen of whom are Presbyterians. In addition to these, ten ladies are availing themselves of the privileges of one or more classes in the seminary, according to the authority issued at the last meeting of the Board. The opening address on behalf of the faculty was delivered at the University Church by the Rev. Dr. D. N. McLaughlin, of the Southern Presbyterian Church. He spoke most interestingly and forcibly of the minister in his work, as a man of God, a man of the world, and a man of the times. It was filled with good advice for the students and will be long remembered with good results. We are looking forward with especial interest to the visit of Dr. F. L. Patton, whose tour of Texas this fall is due to the labors of Rev. S. M. Tenney, of Troupe, Texas. The dates for Dr. Patton's lectures at the Seminary have been provisionally set for November 8-15, just prior to the meeting of the Synod of Texas, where Dr. Patton is also scheduled to deliver one of the addresses in the Calvin Celebration. The general subject of his lectures at the Seminary

is "Fundamental Christianity." These lectures will be open to the general public and will be held as near as possible to the University of Texas, in order that the students and professors of that institution may avail themselves of the privilege of hearing this leader in religious thought upon this timely subject. We trust that many outside of Austin will make use of this opportunity also.

Robert E. Vinson.

VIRGINIA.

Dublin Church: On October 3, a large congregation celebrated the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and one new member was publicly welcomed and baptized. Also one infant was baptized. With this service the pastor entered upon his eighth year of service and stated that during the seven years past the number of members had been increased two and one-half times and that the amount of moneys reported to Presbytery last spring was more than three times the amount named in the first report after the pastorate began.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Union: The fall meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Union of Norfolk Presbytery will meet on Thursday, 10:30 p. m., October 21, at the Female Institute, Williamsburg. A large attendance is earnestly desired.

Mrs. O. D. Heissenbittel,
Recording Secretary.

Chatham Church: Rev. R. G. McLees, of South Carolina, as accepted the call extended to him by the Chatham and Spring Garden churches, and will enter upon his work by the first of November. Mr. McLees supplied the pulpits of these churches during the summer, and the people were delighted with his ministrations. Since the churches have been vacant by reason of Rev. V. R. Gaston accepting a call to Norfolk, services have been regularly held, and the people have been edified by sermons heard from different ministers, most of them being students from the Seminary. The departure of Mr. Gaston was a great loss to us and all will be glad to know that a regular pastor has been secured to take up the work.

Norfolk: The Presbyterian ministers of Norfolk and vicinity at their regular weekly meeting, October 11, elected officers for the ensuing terms as follows: President, the Rev. V. R. Gaston; vice-president, the Rev. W. S. Trimble, of Hampton; secretary, the Rev. W. H. T. Squires, of Knox Church. The conference will send a delegation to the Interdenominational Laymen's Missionary Movement convention to be held in Richmond, October 23-26.

Suffolk: The cause of our blessed Master in Suffolk is looking very encouraging in every department. Everything seems to be taking on new life and to God be the praise. The regular preaching services gradually increase in their attendance. Also the Sunday school and prayer meetings are both increasing in their attendance and interest. The Ladies' Aid Society has been reorgan-